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It is semiofficially admitted that three marines of the Austrian war-ship *Maria Theresa*, lying at anchor in the harbor of Pola, and two or three others in the naval barracks near that city have simultaneously contracted a disease with typhoid symptoms. Upon making inquiry at the office of the provincial governor in this city I was informed that the malady of these marines is enteric fever, and has been traced to the eating of infected oysters.

A rumor has also reached Trieste that a similar disease has broken out in the military barracks of Laibach, the capital of Krain, situated 60 miles northeast of Trieste. As military authorities in this country usually keep their own counsel in such matters, the public will probably never get at the facts unless an epidemic should result.

Although but two Austrian ports, Trieste and Fiume, have direct communication with the United States, I shall not fail to watch carefully the further developments at Pola as well as the sanitary condition of all other Adriatic ports.

If the disease at Pola assumes an alarming character and spreads to this city, I shall inform the Department by cable.

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

FREDK. HOSSFELD,
United States Consul.

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

BRAZIL.

Sanitary report from Rio.

RIO DE JANEIRO, *October 11, 1897.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit report for the week ended October 9, 1897:

There were 2 deaths from *accessio pernicioso*, a decrease of 3; 5 from beriberi, and 1 from measles, none in the foregoing week; 1 from enteric fever, a decrease of 1; none from diphtheria, 1 in the foregoing week; 55 from tuberculosis, an increase of 1; and 249 from all causes, a decrease of 17.

The health of the port and town continues exceptionally good for the time of the year. The cases of smallpox and beriberi are mostly confined to the army and navy people.

Since last report the following-named ships have been inspected or received bills of health from this office: October 4, bark *Nellie Troop*, British, for Barbados, West Indies, and barkentine *Priscilla*, American, for Baltimore. October 5, bark *Wolfe*, British, for Barbados, West Indies. October 6, bark *Angioletta R.*, Italian, for Pensacola, Fla. October 7, ship *Garibaldi*, Norwegian, for Mobile, Ala. October 8, steamship *Etona*, British, for New York, and steamship *Cuvier*, British, for New York. October 9, steamship *Grecian Prince*, British, for New York.

Respectfully, yours,

R. CLEARY, M. D.,
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